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X1   MEMORANDUM FOR:

       SUBJECT: Hardware Support to Current/Crisis Reporting

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1. I am still concerned that our efforts in the hardware in the Current/Crisis Reporting System are not sufficiently focused on the end goal. Our basic problem is to make it possible through secure communications and text editing equipment to conduct the same sort of coordination of intelligence analyses that we have traditionally conducted around a table. The transmission of supporting information, such as photography, is nice to have but it is not essential. There is no intent to conduct long range photo interpretation. There is a need to transmit schematic data such as maps to accompany analyses.

2. With regard to security, we must address this factor after we have developed a workable and acceptable system. The only security constraint at this juncture is to avoid the use of equipment where the required security is actually infeasible.

3. Don't spread the goals. We are not looking for a system of secure communications between users, certainly we don't expect our intelligence analysis nets to be used for communications between the principal national decisionmakers on other matters.

4. In this effort we must avail ourselves of the advice of analysts familiar with the coordination process. To this end, I have arranged with ONE to provide   who will be available for consultation on these matters.

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